34. (New) The injection stretch blow molding apparatus of claim 32, wherein the pitch changing mechanism changes the array pitch while the preforms are supported by the neck supporting mechanisms - -

| Remarks: | | |
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Claims 1-6 have been canceled and new claims 7 - 34 have been added.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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